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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 4, 14 and 24 and ADD new claim 26 in accordance with the following:

- 1. (CANCELED)
- 2. (CANCELED)
- 3. (CANCELED)
- 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of controlling power consumption of a management apparatus to which an electronic apparatus is connected via a network, the management apparatus having a common device that is shared with the electronic apparatus, said method comprising:

detecting an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and rearranging components contained in the common device, to gather together components accessed a predetermined number of time, so as to control an operational state of the common device based on the currently detected accessed state.

- 5. (CANCELED)
- 6. (CANCELED)
- 7. (CANCELED)
- 8. (CANCELED)
- 9. (CANCELED)
- 10. (CANCELED)
- 11. (CANCELED)
- 12. (CANCELED)
- 13. (CANCELED)
- 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A management apparatus having a common device

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shared with an electronic apparatus, wherein said management apparatus comprises:

a status detecting unit which detects an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and

a shared device control unit which controls an operational state of the common device, by rearranging components contained in the common device, in accordance with the accessed state detected by the status detecting unit, to gather together components accessed a predetermined number of time.

- 15. (CANCELED)
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- 21. (CANCELED)
- 22. (CANCELED)
- 23. (CANCELED)
- 24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to be executed by a management apparatus to control a common apparatus connected thereto via a network by:

detecting an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and rearranging components contained in the common device, to gather together components accessed a predetermined number of time, so as to control an operational state of the common device based on the currently detected accessed state.

25. (ORIGINAL) The recording medium as claimed in claim 24, wherein the program comprises:

a usage frequency detecting procedure for detecting how often the common apparatus is used by the electronic apparatuses; and

a common apparatus control procedure for controlling an operation of the common apparatus in accordance with the detected usage frequency.

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26. (NEW) A method of controlling power consumption of a management apparatus having a common device that is shared with an electronic apparatus, said method comprising:

rearranging components contained in the common device, to gather together components accessed a predetermined number of time, so as to control an operational state of the common device based on a currently detected accessed state.